

Ashbourne Church News 20/02/2026



Welcome to this week's newsletter

Included in this newsletter is all the news, music and readings for this week, together with articles from some of our regular church groups.

If you have any comments about this newsletter or wish to submit any material to be included, please email: parishoffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk

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Church and Parish Office Opening Times

St Oswald's Church is OPEN daily from 10am to 5pm

- Bell Ringing Practice: Wednesday evenings from 19.30 to 21.00
- Choir Practice: Friday evenings from 19.00 to 20.00

The Parish Office is open:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 to 12:00

Telephone: 01335 343052

If you need a priest urgently, please call 01335 664159.

Pastoral Contact

If you would like to contact a member of the clergy team to discuss any pastoral matter please telephone 01335 664159.

[Find Us on Instagram and Facebook](#)

To keep up with the latest church news, please follow us on our [Facebook Page](#).

We now have a new [Instagram](#) account too.

Living Lent: Seeking God in Everyday Life

Where does the time go? It's hard to believe that we are already seven weeks into the New Year. Did you make a New Year's resolution? If so, are you keeping up with it or is it a distant memory?

Just a few days ago we began the season of Lent. During this time we are encouraged to pause and reflect on our relationship with God. Lent is a time of preparation, self-examination, and renewal, guiding us toward Easter. For many, it is marked by giving something up or taking something on (a second opportunity to reignite that new year's resolution) - but, at its core, Lent challenges us to look for God in the ordinary moments woven throughout our daily lives.

As many of you will be aware, at the beginning of January I started the License Lay Ministry (Reader) LLM(R) course, or in simple terms reader training. One of my tasks was to look for the presence of God in our church building. What would your answer be?

Each of us looks for the presence of God in our own way, there is no right or wrong answer, or a one size fits all approach to finding God. So, whether we find ourselves in the rush of morning routines, the stillness of a lunch break or in the daily interactions between friends and strangers, I encourage you to look for God's presence that surrounds us in our everyday life. We don't need to wait for that light bulb moment or extraordinary experiences to encounter God. Instead, let's open our eyes and our hearts to the subtle ways God reaches out - a smile, a kind word, the wonder of creation or a moment of peace. This Lent, may we intentionally create space to notice and respond, growing closer to God in the midst of everyday living.

As we continue through Lent, let us do so with purpose and confidence, trusting that in finding God in the ordinary, we will encounter the extraordinary presence of God.

Blessings

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Read [Ministry Thought for the Week](#) on the website.



Services

Weekly Online Service

Each week a recorded service is prepared which can be streamed from the [Ashbourne Group of Churches website](#).

The service is normally recorded in one of the churches in the Ashbourne Group on the Thursday prior to the Sunday.

Recorded Services

This week's recorded service can be downloaded using the following link:

[Morning Prayer for the first Sunday of Lent, from St.Peter's](#)

The next recording will be a Holy Communion service and will be recorded on Thursday 26th February at St Oswald's, Ashbourne starting at 10:30am prompt.

Everyone is welcome to join the recording.

[Ashbourne Group of Churches - Services](#)

Find Services and Events in the Calendar

All of the Ashbourne Group of Churches services can be found on the website in the [Calendar](#). You can also see forthcoming events taking place in Church and in the Church Hall.

Sunday 22nd February - First Sunday of Lent

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's, Ashbourne

10:45 - Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Clifton

18:30 - Evensong, St Oswald's, Ashbourne

Sunday 1st March - Second Sunday of Lent

09:15 - Holy Communion, St Peter's, Snelston

11:00 - Holy Communion, St Mary and St Barlok, Norbury

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

18:30 Evensong, St Oswald's

Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday of Lent

09:00 - Breakfast Church, St Oswald's

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

18:30 - Choral Evensong, St Oswald's

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday

09:15 - Family Service, St Peter's, Snelston

09:15 - Family Service, St Mary's, Mappleton

10:30 - Holy Communion, St Oswald's

11:00 - Family Service, St Mary and St Barlok, Norbury

18:30 - Evensong, St Oswald's

Breakfast Church



 Ashbourne Group
of Churches

JOIN US FOR
**BREAKFAST
CHURCH**
AT ST OSWALD'S, ASHBOURNE

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY FROM 09:00 - 09:45

Bacon butties, cereal, toast and
a short all age service

A warm welcome is awaiting you.

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Messy Church - Save the Date

Save the Date! We are very excited to announce the launch of Messy Church at St Oswald's on Sunday 26 April from 4-6pm. Messy Church is an all-age worshipping community that focuses on creativity, hospitality, and celebration. It offers a relaxed, hands-on way for families to explore Bible stories through crafts, games, and food, aiming to make faith accessible to everyone. All are welcome!



**St Oswald's
Church**

Music at St Oswald's

February

Sunday 1st Candlemas; The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10.30 Parish Communion

80 When candles are lighted... Omit *
 360 Faithful vigil ended...
 44 Angels from the realms of glory ...
A maiden most gentle/Carter
Light of the world/Harrison
 516 Love divine all loves excelling...

6.30

Like a candle flame/Kendrick
 360 Faithful vigil ended...
 Psalm 122
 496 Lead us heavenly Father lead us...
And the glory /Handel
 80 When candles are lighted... Omit *

Sunday 8th Second Sunday before Lent

10.30 Parish Communion

555 Praise my soul...
 599 Thine for ever...
 251 All things bright and beautiful...
Brother James'Air/Jacob
278 Alleluia sing to Jesus...
 267 Thou whose almighty word...

6.30 Choral Evensong

Sunsion in A; Sanders responses
Gaelic Blessing/Rutter
 447 God of freedom, God of justice...
 Psalm 148
 489 Jesus Lord we look to Thee...
For the beauty of the earth/Rutter
 13 Before the ending of the day...

Sunday 15th Sunday next before Lent

10.30 Parish Communion

1 Awake my soul... part one and doxology
 248 'Tis good Lord to be here...
 380 At the name of Jesus...
Love divine/Willcocks
505 Lord Jesus Christ ...
 435 Glorious things of thee are spoken...

6.30 Evensong

Cantate Domino/Pitoni
 2 Christ whose glory fills the skies...
 Psalm 84
 474 Immortal invisible God only wise...
Flocks in pastures green/Bach
 14 Glory to Thee my God this night...

Ash Wednesday 18th

10.00 Parish Communion

385 Be thou my guardian and my guide ...
 95 Forty days and forty nights...
 97 Lord Jesus think on me...
View me Lord/Lloyd
 96 Jesu lover of my soul...

Sunday 22nd First Sunday of Lent

10.30 Parish Communion

95 Forty days and forty nights...
 Psalm 32 vs 1-6
 496 Lead us heavenly Father lead us...
Panis angelicus/Franck
324 Sweet sacrament divine ...
 578 Stand up stand up for Jesus...

6.30 Evensong

Make me a clean heart O God/Ley
 416 Father hear the prayer we offer
 Psalm 50 vs 1-7
 95 Forty days and forty nights...
Lord for thy tender mercies' sake/Tye
 376 And can it be that I should gain...

Choral Scholarships

Music is an important part of the life of St Oswald's church in Ashbourne, especially through the musical ministry of the choir. We are proposing a **new set of choral scholarships**.

Ideally, **4 students** ('scholars') will have mentored places in the choir, alongside more experienced singers. This will optimally be one per voice part (soprano/alto/ tenor/bass); the expectation is that you will be Y10 and upwards (i.e. age 15-18).

Scholars will be expected to regularly attend choir practice, and at least one of the two services on Sunday. You will **gain experience** of a vast range of repertoire, improved choral singing skills, teamwork with adults, regular gold standard music in services and excellent sight-reading skills. This gives you experience to enable you potentially to apply for a choral scholarship at university, and to add to UCAS forms when applying for university/college. In return, we will offer scholars 30 minutes of **tuition**, at the end of choir practice. This will cover sight reading, aural skills, and general music perception. A basis for this will be the RSCM *Voice for Life Singing Awards* – St Oswald's has had a good track record of young singers gaining Bronze, Silver and Gold awards (NB the Awards are about to be submitted for OFQUAL accreditation giving them value on a UCAS form).

You will receive an honorarium of **£100** for the year plus **£1 for each practice and service** attended. St Oswald's church choir has an excellent reputation for good music sung in our church as well as for weddings elsewhere, services in cathedrals (including York Minster, Salisbury and Hereford) and concerts too. Please find out more by contacting Michael Halls (Director of Music) on 07976708449 or mvaehalls@gmail.com Application forms will be sent to you after the initial contact. I shall look forward to hearing from you soon.

Readings

February Readings

February reading notes

February 1st Presentation

Malachi 3.1-5 The prophet, whose name means 'my messenger', warns his listeners that God will shortly come to judge the nation which has broken his Laws. They must repent.

Luke 2.22-4

After the birth of a child, the parents had to visit the Temple to present the baby to God and make an offering, dependent on their wealth (Levit.12:8). On this occasion, the devout old man, Simeon and the prophetess Anna, recognised the significance of the baby. Simeon praised God, but warned Mary of the sorrows that lay ahead.

February 8th 2 before Lent

Romans 8.18-25 Paul warns his readers that though they suffer for their faith now, they must wait patiently for what is to come.

Matthew 6.25-34 *Jesus taught his disciples*

In his great 'Sermon on the Mount' Jesus told his disciples that worry about the future was unnecessary. He pointed to the natural world and to the splendours of King Solomon, renowned for his wealth. Worry was only the response of Gentiles!

February 15th Next before Lent

Exodus 24.12-18 The account of how Moses receives the Law and the covenant is made with God is full of symbolism. The shedding of blood signifies a binding agreement, fire represents the presence of God, and the shared meal seals the promises.

Matthew 17.1-9

Matthew's account of the Transfiguration drew closely on Jewish traditions as recorded in Exodus 24 when Moses met God on Mount Sinai - God spoke to his people, the covenant was made, and the Law was given.

*February 18th Ash Wednesday

2 Corinthians 5. 20b - 6:10 Paul assures the Christians in Corinth that despite the suffering that he himself has also endured, they must also remain faithful.

Matthew 6:16-21 *Jesus said to his disciples*

Fasting was a religious practised by many devout Jews, but some made sure that others were made aware of their piety by putting ash on their heads. God would reward the truly faithful.

February 22nd Lent 1

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Matthew 4.1-11

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22nd February: Lent 1

LIFE-GIVING HABITS FOR LENT

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The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Something to think about

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Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live
by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Evensong

Deuteronomy 6.4-9, 16-25

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Do not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. You must diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his decrees, and his statutes that he has commanded you. Do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may go in and occupy the good land that the LORD swore to your ancestors to give you, thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has promised.

When your children ask you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the LORD our God has commanded you? then you shall say to your children, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The LORD displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. Then the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.'

Luke 15.1-10

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Please remember in your prayers this week

Those who are unable to be with us in church, including Diana & Edmund Urquhart, Linda Torr, Arthur and Barbara Williams, the Reverend Joe and Mrs. Gillie Lister..

Those who are ill, especially Graham Price, Pam Phillips and Reina Hammond.

The recently bereaved, especially the relatives and friends of Georgina Nicholson, David Startin, Jennie Mitchell, Dorothy Tougher and Christine Broughton.

Areas of conflict: the Ukraine, the Middle East and too many others.

Our local churches.

Our Ministry Team: Dwayne, Maggie, Nigel & Lynda

See [Readings and Prayers](#) on the website.

Activities at St Oswald's



There are many men and women in our community who are caring for a loved one and it is very seldom realised just how little recognition they get for fulfilling such an important but lonely role.

If you, or someone you know, is caring for a loved one, for whatever reason, and would like the chance just to have somewhere you can have an hour or so respite with coffee and chat with people who understand the challenges you face daily, then come along to 'Carers Count'.

'Carers Count' meet on the first Wednesday of every month between 10am and 12 noon at St Oswald's Church Hall in School Lane, Ashbourne where you are assured of a warm welcome, a friendly face and a listening ear.

We work with Derbyshire Carers Association who give advice regarding practical support to which one might be entitled. They also support our meetings with the occasional special event.

For more information and to let us know that you would like to come along, then call Maggie or Nigel on 01335 664159



Ossie's Potters



A group of people who enjoy being in the fresh air
with other people,
'potter'

around the Church and Church Hall
on alternate Tuesdays.

They tidy flower beds, plant up new areas and
make the surrounding of the Church
look more colourful, loved and cared for.
They always finish with a cup of tea.

Would you like to be a Potter too?

Why not come and see where
they are pottering?

You would be very welcome.

They will be meeting on
27th January & 24th February
From 1pm until 3pm.



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Notices

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 24th February @ 13:00 - St Oswald's Church Hall - Ossie's Potters
- Saturday 28th February @ 09:30 - St Oswald's Walking Group
- Tuesday 3rd March @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen
- Wednesday 4th March @ 10:00 - Carers Count
- Tuesday 17th March @ 16:00 - Ossie's Kitchen

Get Involved

- Saturday 7th March @ 10:00 - Hulland Ward Millennium Hall - Visioning Awayday
- Sunday 22nd March @ 14:00 - St Oswald's Church - Retreat in Daily Life closes
- Saturday 1st August - Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

See [Forthcoming Events](#) on the website.

[Nuts and Bolts Parish Briefing](#)

You can also read [Nuts and Bolts Parish Briefing](#) on the website, on the [PCC page](#).



**Nuts & Bolts Parish Briefing
on the St Oswald's PCC Meeting
9th February 2026**

The meeting opened with a prayer at 7.30pm.

Vicar Report –

1. Thanks to our Parish Administrator, Nicola Fisher, for all her work on the website and our greatly increased social media presence.
2. Updates given for 'Service Book Working Group' that is revising our Orders of Service and 'Future of Music Ministry Working Group' that is helping to plan next steps to replace our irreplaceable Michael Halls.
3. Proposal to launch Messy Church (which was supported by the PCC). First service will be in April!
4. Proposal to look at St Oswald's branding/logo with a graphic designer approved.
5. Proposal to have an official 'champion' for Mappleton until a member of the village can be represented on the PCC approved.

Visioning Awayday – Everyone is invited to attend on Saturday 7 March to share ideas about how we work together moving forward. Everyone's voice matters, and we'd love for you to be a part of shaping the future of our shared mission. Please book a spot with Nicola so we can plan for catering.

Policies Introduced & Approved:

- a) Updated Safeguarding Policies
- b) PCC and Standing Committee Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation
- c) Mission Giving Fund Subcommittee Terms of Reference revised and approved
- d) M&S Community Fund Subcommittee Terms of Reference revised and approved

Treasurer – Management accounts, report, and 2026 Budget circulated prior to the meeting. A formal thank you to Andrew Burns for all his work.

Churchwardens – Waiting for Quinquennial Inspection report. Attempting to set up an architect meeting for Mappleton.

Carsington Deanery – Thank you to Lay Chair, Peter Walker. He wished to encourage positive stories to be sent to Deanery Synod.

Ashbourne Churches Together – Thanks were expressed for St Oswald's hosting the Lantern Parade. Thanks also to Rev Maggie and everyone who supported the Christmas Party. Lastly, thanks to all who attended the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service.

PCC Meeting – 9.3.26

Standing Committee Meeting – 13.4.2026

APCM – 19.4.2026 after the 10.30 service

The meeting closed with prayer at 9.30pm.

Lent Lunches



JOIN ASHBOURNE
CHURCHES TOGETHER
FOR ...

LENT LUNCHES

Venue:
All Saints Hall
Time: 12:00 - 13:00

Thursday 26th February

**HOSTED BY
ST OSWALD'S**

2026



[Lent Lunches](#) started this week in All Saints Hall, Bellvue Road. All Saints have kindly offered their Hall for the 5 weeks as everywhere else is either fully booked or having work done.

Each week will be hosted by a different Church. Please support the Lunches every Thursday from 12 noon, but especially St Oswald's on 26th February.

HELP PLEASE on that day

Please contact me if you can help on the day.

Maggie: phone 01335 664159

[Lent Lunches - Dates](#)

Thursday 26 February - St Oswald's

Thursday 5 March - Methodists

Thursday 12 March - Elim

Thursday 19 March - Elim

Thursday 26 March - All Saints

[Ozzie Bears](#)



We are in need of more knitted Ozzie Bears!

Ozzie bears are given to every baby that is Baptised here at St Oswalds. Ozzie Bears are also the best flyers in town!

We sell them at Teddy Parachuting for £2.50 and they 'fill the skies' with their aeronautical expertise.

If you have time to knit, patterns for these beautiful bears are in the Edward Bear Area on the children's altar.

Thank you

Lindsay

Date for your Diaries

Teddy Parachuting: Saturday June 20th between 10.00 - 12.00 noon.

Bring teddies, Octonauts and Dinosaurs!

Ashbourne Rotary Easter Egg Appeal

Easter is a time of hope and celebration, and you can help make it special for children in Ukraine by donating a medium sized chocolate egg. For many, this may be their only Easter treat.

With your support, we can make sure as many children as possible experience a little bit of joy and normality this season.

If you could drop them off at David Neill Mica on Compton or Cornerstone Coffee Shop by 10 March 2026 we can then get them to Ukraine by Easter.

The poster features a background of large, colorful Easter eggs in shades of purple, gold, and brown. At the top, the Ashbourne Rotary logo is displayed next to the text 'Easter Egg Appeal'. Below this, three photographs are arranged: on the left, a woman and a young girl hold chocolate eggs; in the center, two boys hold eggs while a person in a green bag stands nearby; on the right, a young child in a red jacket holds an egg in a town square with a church in the background. Text at the bottom explains the appeal's purpose, provides drop-off locations, and states a closing date of 10 March 2026, with a note that late donations will be sent to local charities.

Ashbourne
Rotary  | **Easter Egg Appeal**

Easter is a time of hope and celebration, and you can help make it special for children in Eastern Europe by donating a medium sized (minimum 90g) chocolate egg.

Please drop off your eggs at:
David Neill Mica Home & DIY or Cornerstone Coffee House

Closing date: 10 March 2026*
*any eggs received after this date will be donated to local charities



'Pilgrimage'
The outer & inner journey'
Led by the Rev'd Fr Alasdair Kay
Saturday 28th March 2026
St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne

*Pilgrimage encourages us to go deeper into our relationships.
The pilgrim seeks to let go of everyday distractions and interior attachments, to be open to new insights into self and the Beloved and, allowing all this to integrate, draws ever closer in union. On my own journeys I realised I had not so much sought the Beloved, but that the Beloved has sought me',*
(extract from *The Kentigern Way* by Stephen Wright, Wild Goose Publications, Glasgow, 2019 p.92)

The quiet day begins at 10.30am, refreshments will be available from 10am. The day begins with worship and will include three short talks and times of silence. The day ends with a time for questions and finally closing worship. Those attending are asked to bring a packed lunch. The speaker for the day is Rev'd Fr Alasdair Kay MA SCP (The Anglican Greyfriars) who will lead the day on the theme of the 'Pilgrimage an inner and outward journey'. There is no charge for the day, those attending are invited to make a donation. Please book your place by emailing Cameron Butland – cameron.butland@derby.anglican.org

Programme

10-10.30am Arrive, (*refreshments available on arrival*)
10.30am Morning Prayer
11.00am **First talk**
followed by quiet time of reflection
12noon **Second talk**
followed by quiet time of reflection
1.00pm *Lunch, please bring own packed lunch, drinks provided*
2.00pm **Third talk**
followed by quiet time of reflection
3.00pm Closing Prayer

The venue is St Oswald's Church Hall, 5 School Lane, Ashbourne DE6 1AN Ashbourne. There is a small car park and parking on the road outside the church.

Glendalough Pilgrim Prayer

I beg assistance, God of my journey, to accept that all of life is only on loan to me, to believe beyond this moment, to accept your courage when mine fails, to recognise the pilgrim of my heart, to hold all of life in open hands. Amen

Visioning Awayday



Ashbourne Group of Churches
**Visioning
Awayday**

Saturday 7 March | 10am - 3pm
Hulland Ward Village Hall

Join us. Everyone is Welcome!

We're excited to invite you to a special day when all our churches come together to share ideas and explore how we can work even better as one body in Christ. Your voice matters, and we'd love for you to be part of shaping the future of our shared mission.

To RSVP, please email:
ParishOffice@ashbournechurch.org.uk

 Ashbourne Group of Churches



East Midlands Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé

The Diocese of Derby, along with the Dioceses of Leicester and Lincoln, has come together to offer a Pilgrimage to Taizé for young adults aged 18-35, which will take place from August 1-9 this year.

[Taizé](#) is an ecumenical Christian community in Southern France which produces the beautiful contemplative worship music familiar to many. Its mission is to reach young people throughout the world.

If you are interested in spending a week camping with a global and monastic community, we will be making this pilgrimage together, travelling and camping as a group from across the East Midlands. The trip will cost approximately £350, and priority is given to young adults aged 18-35.

For more information, contact the Rev'd Dwayne Engh by email: vicar@ashbournechurch.org.uk. To book, [click here](#).

save the date!

Diocese of Derby
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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Join the East Midlands
Young Adults Pilgrimage to



August 1 - 9, 2026

For those aged 18-35, from across the East Midlands and beyond, with limited seats on the coach for those over 35! To find out more contact: vicar@ashbournechurch.org.uk



Walking and Rambling with St Oswalds

St Oswald's has a choice of two walking groups.

The Ramblers group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, starts walking at 10.00am and covers approximately 5 miles.

The Walking group meets on the last Saturday of the month, starts walking at 9.30am and covers approximately 10 miles.

Ramblers Group Dates (All rambles start at 10 a.m.)

- Monday 9th March 2026

Walking Group Dates (All walks start at 9:30 a.m.)

- Saturday 28th February 2026
- Saturday 28th March 2026

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Email : paulgillelliott@outlook.com

St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail

The walking group have decided on their challenge for 2026. We are going to walk the St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail from 1st to 8th May 2026. This is a 41 mile pilgrimage linking the 9 churches of Upper Ryedale and Helmsley with Rievaulx Abbey.

Aelred of Hexham was a Cistercian monk and from 1147 – 1167 he was Abbot of Rievaulx. He wrote on Christian friendship and was gifted with wisdom to lead.



Giving and Donations

Donate to St Oswald's

If you would like to set up a regular payment to St Oswald's Church then you can do so through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).. You can find out more information on [the PGS website](#) where you can also set up a regular payment.

Alternatively you can telephone the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1260 to set up a payment. (The PGS code for St Oswald's Church is 120612186).



Give a Little

St Oswald's church is open every day of the week. If you would like to make a donation to the work of St Oswald's Church you can do so from the [Give a Little website](#).



Easyfundraising

St Oswald's Church is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Since joining we have raised over £400, and that is with only 27 supporters.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page by [>>> CLICKING HERE](#)



Safeguarding

Keeping People Safe

We are committed to ensuring that our church is a safe place for everyone and take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. We adhere to safeguarding rules laid down by the Church of England and the diocese of Derby.

Report a Safeguarding Concern: Protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of us all, whether they are in the communities in which we live or part of our

Christian family. If you have a concern about a child, young person or adult who may be at risk of harm please speak to the parish safeguarding coordinator.

The contact details are:

Celia Dickinson, Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO)

Mobile: 07754 883935

If you have concerns about a member of the clergy or an employee of the church please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding. To confidentially report a safeguarding concern please complete the [Safeguarding Concern Form](#) or call 01332 388678. You can also report any concerns to the Police or Social Care. The important thing is that your concerns are shared with someone in a position to help.